

N.V. Westerscheldetunnel

Report 2016



Network length

On May 23rd 2015 the Sluiskiltunnel (a tunnel under the canal from Terneuzen, Netherlands to Gent Belgium) which is owned by the Province of Zeeland opened for traffic. The Sluiskiltunnel connects on the South-side of our roads. In 2016 over 5 million vehicles used the Sluiskiltunnel. The WST is controlling traffic and maintenance commissioned by the Province of Zeeland.

The length of the Westerscheldetunnel, Sluiskiltunnel and connecting roads is 24 kilometres.

Investments

In 2017 the tunnel engineering systems will be renovated. This is an investment of € 18 million. In 2016 we have put the first preliminary steps of the project.

Financing

The Province of Zeeland holds 100% of the shares of N.V. Westerscheldetunnel; 44% of the annual income is generated by a subsidy from the Province of Zeeland. The other 56% is income from toll charges.

Toll charges for the Westerscheldetunnel are only temporary: The Westerscheldetunnel will be toll-free in March 2033.

There are no investments in infrastructure foreseen in 2017. In 2017 the Province of Zeeland will start improve the connection between our road and the state highway (A58) of Zeeland on the North-side of our roads and double the connecting roads on the South-side to Belgium (Gent).

Traffic

In 2016 traffic increased by 6,3% compared to 2015. For 2017 a small growth is foreseen.

The average number of passages in 2016 was 18.183. Teletoll subscribers are responsible for 67,4% of the traffic. 90% of the passages are with light vehicles.

Safety

In 2016 there were no fatal accidents.

Tolling system

At the Westerscheldetunnel a custom made tolling system is in operation. For the Teletoll subscribers we use an OBU with infrared technique so that subscribers can easily pass without stopping at our toll plaza.

Tolls

As a result of the positive renewal of the main maintenance contract in 2013 we are able to reduce a decent amount of costs. Our policy is that our clients should benefit from this cost savings. In 2016 the toll tariffs are the same as 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012. The tariffs will remain the same until 2021.

In 2016 the average charge for light vehicles was € 0.25 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.19 per kilometre. In 2016 the average charge for heavy vehicles was € 1.25 per kilometre. The charge for teletoll subscribers was € 0.95.

Toll is collected as a fee. The toll is subject to VAT (21%). There are 5 classifications in which length and height are the two distinctive factors.

Regular fee (incl. VAT):

		 		
1	2	3	4	5
2016: € 5,00	2016: € 7,45	2016: € 18,20	2016: € 25,00	2016: € 2,50

Subscriber fee (incl. VAT):

		 		
1	2	3	4	5
2016: € 3,80	2016: € 5,70	2016: € 13,90	2016: € 19,00	2016: € 2,50

Subscriber fee (incl. VAT) after 150 passages:

		 		
1	2	3	4	5
2016: € 3,05	2016: € 4,55	2016: € 11,15	2016: € 15,25	2016: € 2,00

Main Asecap key figures

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Network length	
2 x 2 lanes	24 km
No. of km under construction	-
Forecasts for opening motorway sections	no
Annual toll revenue (in millions of Euros)	€ 30.3
Permanent staff	61
Average daily traffic (LV)	16.353
Average daily traffic (HV)	1.830
Average daily traffic (LV+HV)	18.183
Total number of accidents	2
No. of accidents resulting in personal injury	2
No. of fatal accidents	0
Km travelled (10 ⁶ x km)	159,7 mln.
No. of toll plazas	1
No. of lanes	14
No. of lanes equipped with teletoll	14
No. of teletoll subscribers	54.577
No. of rest areas (with station services)	-
No. of rest areas	-
No. of restaurants	-
No. of hotels	-